IT WON'T BE LONG! Pictured above, from left to right, Kent Hancock, Carol Cozart, Gordon Ford, Sherry Tillery and C. B. (Buck) Tillery in the new health spa - opening soon on Main Street in Appomattox.

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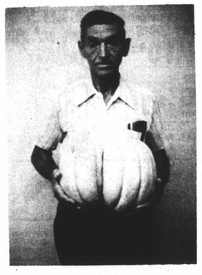

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VA Questions And Answers

EDITOR'S NOTE: Following are representative questions answered daily by VA counselors. Full information is available at any VA office.

Q - I have a veterans life insurance policy with a "W" prefix. I received a letter from the VA which stated that I must convert this policy within a period of time or lose it. I have misplaced the letter. Can you tell me how much time I have left to convert this policy?

A - Veterans Special Life Insurance (prefix RS, W) was issued from April 25, 1951, through December 31, 1956. Those who have the "W" policy, which is a limited convertible term plan, cannot renew the policy after their 50th birthday. Contact the nearest VA office for further information.

Q - If I purchase a home financed by a VA guaranteed loan, must I occupy this property as my home?

A - Yes. The eligible veteran must certify that he or she intends to occupy the property personally as his or her home. This certification must be completed both at the time application for a loan is made and when the loan is closed.

Q - I am attending college under the GI Bill, but I might have to drop out due to financial reasons. Can the VA help?

A - There are two programs that may help you continue your education: education loans and the work-study program. To determine your eligibility for these programs, contact the nearest VA office.

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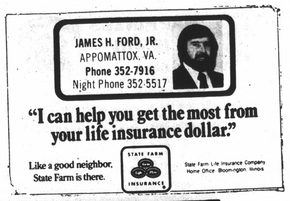

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Amelia	873.53
Amherst	3,717.11
Appomattox	17,366.52
Bedford County	4,228.27
Buckingham	14,213.26
Campbell	4,873.75
Charlotte	2,981.16
Cumberland	4,651.81
Goochland	2,063.61
Louisa	981.73
Nelson	9,743.18
Pittsylvania	1,582.56
Prince Edward	13,810.72
Prince William	1,172.52
Rockbridge	251.42
Total	**87,235.85**

We feel this informaiton is of interest to our readers in Appomattox County and in adjoining counties.

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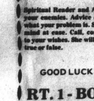

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Father Darkleaf

BY
CALVIN ROBINSON

The last few days of August are marked by anticipation. Summerizes still very much with us, but we are thinking of Fall. The big event is school opening and adjusting to new schedules.

There is a rush to wind up summer chores, but by and large Fall is on our mind.

There are mighty questions to be considered in connection with Fall. Which teams will go to the World Series. What kind of football team will Slippery Rock have? Will there be an chinquapins? Wha't to do about all these grasshoppers. Who has September birthdays. How many more thunderstorms. Money for college expenses. Long political campaigns. Making the old lawnmower last out the season.

As yes, the last days of August. And soon it will be TGIF. Thank Goodness It's Fall.

Main Street, Appomattox, has been resurfaced and looks great. Note the new traffic lines and parking lines.

With schools open, we are anxious to hear the school band, and applaud the cheerleaders.

The late U. S. Senator Everett Dirksen, of Illinois, wanted the Congress to designate the Marigold as our national flower. He would have been delighted with the display of marigolds along the highway between the local Middle School Home Economics cottage and the Agriculture Building. Also there are some red zinnias.

Attended on Sunday a reunion of descendents of Henry Turner, a Confederate soldier from Appomattox. The reunion was held in the local Rescue Squad building, and in addition to meeting old and new friends and enjoying a bountiful meal, I took advantage of the opportunity to inspect the building and equipment of the Rescue Squad. We should be proud of this community enterprise. And if your family has a reunion, don't miss it. I have no blood kin in this area, so could hold my reunion in a small telephone booth. Others are more fortunate and it is fine for families to get together.

Speaking of reunions, brings to mind the days of eating chicken, and speaking of chicken brings to mind that there is a poultry house near Easton, Maryland that produces 375,000 broilers a year. And there are countless other broiler houses on the Delmarva Peninsula. Talbot County, Md., has 602 miles of waterfront, tops in the nation for any county.

Recently I asked if anyone had a scarecrow on their premises to fend off unwanted critters. Mr. and Mrs. Raynard Turner, of Rustburg have a scarecrow, and showed a picture of same.

I planted cantaloupes in my small garden but had no success. A friend gave me a nice one, a whopper, must have weighed well over ten pounds. Thanks.

Soon be time for leaves to be turning brown and yellow and herald the beauty of Fall in Virginia.

The last hours of August, 1862, the Second Battle of Manassas was going on, and as September, 1864 started, Gen. Hood and the Confederate army evacuated Atlanta and Gen. Sherman took the city.

Monday is a holiday, Labor Day.

Thanks for reading and seeya next week.

Post Office To Observe Holiday

The Appomattox Post Office and the Pamplin Post Office will be closed Monday, September 4th, in observance of the Labor Day holiday. There will be no window service and no rural delivery on Monday.

Food Stamps Will Not Be Free

RICHMOND - The Virginia Department of Welfare has said that food stamps will NOT be free beginning September 1 as some reports have indicated.

According to the Department, news reports stating that the Department of Agriculture will be eliminating the purchase requirement of the food stamp program effective September 1 are erroneous.

"These reports are painting a false picture for many citizens in Virginia who benefit from the Federal food stamp program," says Ms. Lynn Gallagher, Bureau Chief for Assistance Programs in the Department of Welfare.

"The Department of Agriculture is planning to eliminate the purchase requirement provision of the food stamp program, but our latest expectations are that this change will not take place until January or February," Ms. Gallagher said.

Current Federal regulations require eligible persons to purchase their food samps, and provide free coupons only to those eligible persons who have no income.

When the Department of Agriculture changes the program, eligible persons will receive their food stamps at no cost.

The amount of food stamps each eligible person will receive will be lower than present guidelines, however, since each person will be expected to apply the money they would normally spend on their coupons toward the purchase of food.

"We expect the new regulations will cause the food stamp caseload in Virginia to rise from 12 to 15 percent with increase of up to 20 percent in some segments of the State," Ms. Gallagher said.

The food stamp program is funded entirely by the Federal government with the exception of the administrative costs Virginia must spend in actually issuing the coupons.

In May, 1978, 28,012 welfare homes (93,886 persons) and 38,749 non-welfare homes (110,269 persons) were participating in the food stamp program.

These persons paid $3,209,438 for their food stamps and received $5,211,824 in bonus coupons. Bonus coupons are the difference in the total value of the food stamps and the actual cost a person pays for the food stamps.

Total issuance for May, 1978 was $8,421,262. (Purchase price plus bonus value).

John Moon Attends Distributive Education Conference

The 40th Annual Distributive Education State Conference was held in Arlington, Va. August 8-11, 1978. Representing Appomattox County was John Moon, Distributive Education Teacher/Coordinator at Appomattox County High School. The conference was centered around the theme "Getting It All Together."

During the week there were several outstanding featured speakers. These speakers presented topics of interest in the field of marketing and distribution. In addition to featured speakers we had a week filled with workshops and exhibits.

James A. Smith Elected N.A.C.A.A. President-Elect

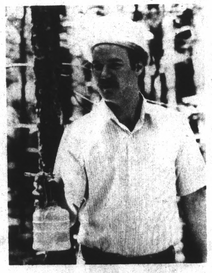
The Voting Delegates at the 63rd Annual Meeting of the National Association of County Agricultural Agents in Boise, Idaho, on August 16 elected James A. Smith, Extension Agent, Appomattox County, President-Elect.

Other officers for 1978-79 are: Donald Jechartz, Michigan President; Leslie Firth, Pennsylvania - Vice President; Bobby Sims, Mississippi - Secretary; and Dale A. Hewitt, Illinois Treasurer.

Town Office To Open Saturdays In Month Of September

The Appomattox Town Office will be open on Saturday, September 16th, and again on Saturday, September 30th from 9 a.m. until 12 noon for the convenience of citizens to pay their town taxes.

The Town Office will be closed Monday, September 4th, in observance of the Labor Day holiday, however the trash will be picked up as usual.



Sam Waddell

Westvaco Hires New Forester

Sam Waddell comes to Westvaco by way of the Bitterroot National Forest, where he reported to work as a firefighter upon graduation from the University of Tennessee in June with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Forest Resource Management.

A resident of Appomattox for nearly 13 years, Sam Waddell will be taking over as Cooperative Forest Management (CFM) Forester for Ray Cheatham also of Appomattox, who accepted a position as a commercial analyst with the Accounting Department at Westvaco's Covington, Virginia, mill after successfully completing degree requirements for an MBA at Lynchburg College.

As CFM forester for the Appomattox - Dillwyn area, Waddell will be based at Westvaco's Appomattox Office. He will be working with forest landowners in Amherst, Appomattox, Buckingham, Campbell and Cumberland Counties.

Sam is not a newcomer to this neck o' the woods or Westvaco. As a summer intern in 1977 working for Westvaco's Wood Department in Covington, Virginia, Waddell assisted surveyor Tom Simkins with the surveying and mapping of company lands in the Marlinton, West Virginia, area.

Married just two short months Sam Waddell and his wife, Susan Ann (Weatherly of Appomattox), are glad to be home again in the Appomattox area and plan to reside near Pamplin.

Sam is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Waddell of Appomattox.

photo by Joe Vaughan

The Appomattox County High School Football Team is shown in above photo with coaches and managers. Making up the Raider Varsity team are Byron Roach, 10; Ralph Totty, 12; Robert Dunnam, 15; Ronnie Hodnett, 17; Joe Fraley, 18; Bruce Drinkard, 19; Troy Stanley, 20; Louis Foster, 21; Andrew Kelso, 22; Tony Hancock, 23; Greg Cheatham, 25; Greg Davis, 26; Charles Rixey, 28; Joe Crippen, 30; Dennis Mosley, 33; Robert Harding, 34; Freddie Mitchell, 35; John Foxwell, 37; Kenny Burks, 38; Terry Woods, 39; Kevin Jaggers, 40; Tivey Booker, 41; Garland Ranson, 42; Steve Cobb, 43; David Harvey, 44; Ernie Chenault, 45; Jeff Bryant, 50; Myron McCoy, 51; William Scott, 52; Donald Parris, 53; Ed Mason, 54; Tony Ferguson, 55; Duane Gilliam, 57; Glen Gilliam, 60; Ronnie Abernathy, 61; Tim Page, 62; Neil Cole, 63; Ken Mason, 64; S. L. Ferguson, 65; Richard Trent, 66; Kevin O'Brien, 67; Kean Page, 70; Scott Paulette, 71; Tim Davidson, 72; Jimmy Baxter, 73; Phil Paulette, 75; Larry White, 77; Donnie Abernathy, 79; Ronnie Robinson, 80; Ernest Daye, 81; Chris Johnson, 82; Darrell Schrock, 85; Shane Abnathy, 86; Bill Vaughan, 88; and Sam Webber, 90. Also shown above is Head Coach Stuart Justus; Charles Wilkerson and Howard Clabough, assistant coaches; and Ray Archer, assistant coach, not available for photo; and managers, T. W. Ballowe and Tim Woodson. The Raiders open their season with a home game Friday night. Be there to cheer them on to victory.

Raiders Open Season Friday Night

By Billy Conner

The Appomattox Raiders will play host to the Gretna Hawks in the 1978 football season opener in Bragg Stadium at 8:00 Friday night.

The Seminole District contest will pit Appomattox against one of the best teams Gretna has fielded in years and a team that has Head Coach Stuart Justus very apprehensive. They have not been scored upon in two pre-season scrimmages, one a controlled scrimmage and the other semi-controlled. "They have good defense", says Justus, "and there are big guys in the backfield that will run the ball right at you." "They also have an offensive line that will average around 185 pounds," Justus notes that their speed might be a factor since they don't seem to have a break away runner.

The fellows that probably will be called upon to stop the Hawks at the line will be Dwayne and Glen Gilliam at the ends, Tim Davidson and S. L. Ferguson at tackle, and Myron McCoy at nose guard. Probable starters at cornerback are Steve Cobb and Ronnie Hodnett, at middle linebacker, Kevin O'Brien and Ronnie Abernathy with Joe Fraley and Darrell Schrock at safety.

In the offensive lineup fans will probably see Donald Parris at center, Ronnie Abernathy and Kevin O'Brien at guard, Myron McCoy and Phil Paulette at tackle, Chris Johnson at tight end, and Darrell Schrock at split end. Joe Fraley will call signals and hand off to Terry Woods and Andrew Kelso, running backs and Kenny Wayne Burks, Ernie Chenault and Freddie Mitchell at fullback.

Justus says his biggest concern right now is the lack of pre season scrimmages. The only real test for the Raiders has been their scrimmage with Fluvanna County since a scheduled game with Halifax County was cancelled because of a severe thunderstorm last Friday night.

Looking at the teams, Justus does not see Rustburg as the powerhouse dominating the Seminole District. Amherst is expected to be strong this year.

"We want to play one game at a time, and right now we can only think about Gretna", Justus says. "We have as good a shot at the title as anybody and the team that has the desire can win it."

Of course, one key factor will be injuries and the club that stays healthy has a definite advantage.

The contest Friday night should prove to be interesting and a good indication of what's to come.

As usual we will want to fill the stands with loyal Raider fans to give the players an incentive as well as provide much needed revenue to the A.C.H.S. Athletic Department.

Flag Presented To APS

W. E. Neathawk of American Legion Post 104 is shown in above photo presenting a United States flag to the Appomattox Primary School. Receiving the flag on behalf of the school is Mrs. Pat Torrence, Principal.

Advertising For Small Business Course Offered

The Distributive Education Department of Appomattox County High School is offering a course titled Advertising for Small Businesses. This course is designed for small business managers and personnel who are interested in gaining and/or expanding their knowledge in the advertising field and sharing their ideas in guided discussions.

The class will consist of five sessions, three hours each. The sessions will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday nights. They will start on Tuesday night, September 12 and run through October 10, 1978. The course fee of$7.50 will include all supplies, materials, and a certificate of completion.

For further information contact Mr. John Moon at 352-7146 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Local Banks To Observe Holiday

American Federal Savings & Loan Association's Appomattox Office; Fidelity American Bank; Farmers National Bank; and the First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin City Branch will all be closed Monday, September 4, in observance of the Labor Day holiday.

State Park Summer Facilities Close Labor Day

RICHMOND - The Department of Conservation and Economic Development, Division of Parks, has announced that Labor Day weekend, September through 4, will mark the close of summer facilities at Virginia State Parks.

Day-use facilities, such as beaches, snack bars and restaurants, will be open through Labor Day. Admission and parking fees will remain in effect through September 4.

Picnicking, hiking, fishing and nature study will be available throughout the winter season. Camping facilities will be available until December 1 and State Park cabins can be rented until October 2.

Additional information concerning Virginia State park cabins and campsite reservations can be obtained by contacting the Virginia Division of State Parks, 1201 State Office Building, Capitol Square, Richmond, Virginia 23219, or telephone 804/786-2132.

Harry G. Lawson To Head Local YMCA Canvass

Harry G. Lawson, a prominent attorney in Appomattox, has been named to head the "Fall Mail Canvass Campaign" within the framework of the Virginia YMCA for the Appomattox area.

Fulton K. Johnson, Executive Director of the Virignia YMCA, said Lawson is a part of a group of volunteers that will carry out special solicitation efforts in selected areas of the state.

The Y program is one of the most positive forces in the lives of the youth in our area. Through its Hi-Y and Tri-Hi-Y club programs, our young people are learning about government, leadership roles, their personalities, and they are experiencing a unique Christian rapport with one another.

Club members have the opportunity to participate in the Model General Assembly held each spring at the State Capitol. This program provides a simulated training experience in the legislative process of the Commonwealth of Virginia. Another opportunity is the Model Judiciary Program where students learn about the judicial system through actual participation in "Mock" trails held on a local level with the "right of appeal" to the Model Supreme Court held at the same time as M.G.A.

According to Lawson, the campaign is being conducted to obtain funds so that the Virginia YMCA, which primarily serves communities in the Old Dominion that are not served by a local YMCA, can continue to provide youth leadership opportunities to youth from the Appomattox area and other parts of the state.

Participants help support the programs and services of the Virginia YMCA through program fees, but a major portion of financial support must come from individual, business, and organizational contributors.

State Police Plan To Intensify Recruitment Efforts

RICHMOND - The Virginia Department of State Police announced today plans to intensify its recruitment efforts, specifically emphasizing that the Department is an equal opportunity employer.

In making the announcement, Colonel D. M. Slane stated that these efforts would be designed to reach all potential applicants

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Band Booster Club To Meet

The Appomattox County School's Band Booster Club will have its first meeting of the 1978-79 school year Tuesday, September 5th at 7:30 p.m. in the music room at Appomattox County High School.

The Band Booster Club is organized to support the band program of the Appomattox County Schools.

Parents of band members and adults, 18 years old or older, are urged to join the club and to actively support this program of the Appomattox County Schools.

This first meeting will be one of orientation and discussion of events taking place in the Fall band schedule. The program will be led by Mr. Frank Coffey, band director, and Mr. P. Edward Leonard, Jr., president of the club.

Other officers leading the Band Boosters this year are Mr. Earl Agee, vice-president; Mrs. Gladys McIntosh, secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Alderson, treasurer; and Mrs. Rebecca Leonard, publicity chairperson.

The Band Booster Club will meet bi-monthly. Dues are $2.50 per member.

Funeral Services Held Tuesday For David Bryant

David Wayne Bryant, 18, of Evergreen Avenue, Appomattox, died at 1:15 a.m. Sunday, August 27, 1978, in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Born on September 21, 1959, he was a son of Robert A. and Mary Frances Bryant of the residence.

David was first admitted to the hospital at age three weeks and when he was two and a half years old it was found that he was ill with a kidney disease. During his 15 years, David was constantly in and out of hospitals with more than thirty admissions to Virginia Baptist Hospital and numerous stays in Lynchburg General Hospital, Duke University and the University of Virginia Hospital. Even with all this time spent undergoing treatments, his young life was packed with good, full-of-fun living and when he graduated from high school in June of 1977 he was named "Super Senior of 1977," a title well deserved.

David will be remembered by the people who knew him for his courage, his faith, his tough, never-give-up determination. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church and at every opportunity sang with the Liberty Youth Singers, a church choir of which he was a member.

To have known David was to love and admire him. He loved his friends and did not hesitate

to let them know it; he loved his God and served Him to the best of his ability. David was widely known and will be missed by all who knew him, he was truly a special person. In addition to his parents, he is survived by a brother, Robert A. (Butch) Bryant, Jr. of Appomattox; a sister, Brenda Fay Bryant of Appomattox; maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Russell V. Coleman of Norfolk; and a maternal great-grandmother, Mrs. Mary Brightwell of Madison Heights.

Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 a.m. Tuesday in Liberty Baptist Church by the Rev. Doyle Chauncey. Burial was in Liberty Cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.